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VIA E-FILING AND HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Application of Southland Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges for the

Provision of Water Service **Docket No. 2007-244-W**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Commission Staff alerted the parties that there appeared to be some errors in the exhibits to Mr. Townes and Ms. Ford's Settlement Testimony. The parties appreciate the opportunity afforded to correct those errors. Enclosed for filing are Revised Exhibits MEF-3 and MEF-4 of Ms. Ford's Settlement testimony and included as Exhibit C to the Settlement Agreement. Also enclosed are Revised Exhibits PBT-1 through PBT-6 of Mr. Townes Settlement Testimony which was included as Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Southland Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2007-244-W Operating Experience, Rate Base and Rate of Return For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2006

<u>Description</u>	(1) Per Company Books	(2) Accounting & Pro Forma Adjustments Per Settlement	(3) As Adjusted Per Settlement	(4) Effect of Proposed Increase Per Settlement	(5) After Proposed Increase Per Settlement
Operating Revenues	ð	Þ	•	a	\$
Service Revenue - Water	46,158	951 (A)	47,109	59,345 (M)	106,454
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,034	0	1,034	0	1,034
Uncollectible Accounts	(437)	(10)_(B)	(447)	(564) (N)	(1,011)
Total Operating Revenues	46,755	941	47,696	58,781	106,477
Operating Expenses					
Maintenance Expenses	23,540	13 (C)	23,553	0	23,553
General Expenses	19,733	14,576 (D)	34,309	0	34,309
Depreciation and Amortization Expenses	4,093	3,917 (E)	8,010	0	8,010
Taxes Other Than Income	1,730	6,405 (F)	8,135	604 (O)	8,739
Income Taxes	(4,519)	(10,351) (G)	(14,870)	22,253 (P)	7,383
Total Operating Expenses	44,577	14,560	59,137	22,857	81,994
Net Income for Return	2,178	(13,619)	(11,441)	35,924	24,483
Original Cost Rate Base					
Gross Plant in Service	333,905	128,637 (H)	462,542	0	462,542
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(38,373)	33,059 (I)	(5,314)	0	(5,314)
Net Plant in Service	295,532	161,696	457,228	0	457,228
Cash Working Capital Net Contributions in Aid of Construction	5,625 (98,385)	2,625 (J) 0	8,250 (98,385)	0 0	8,250 (98,385)
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	(96,365) (44,494)	0	(96,365) (44,494)	0	(90,365) (44,494)
Customer Deposits	(44,494)	0	(4,026)	0	(4,026)
Total Rate Base	154,252	164,321	318,573	0	318,573
Return on Rate Base	1.41%		-3.59%		7.68%
Interest Expense					
Interest During Construction	(2,299)	2,299 (K)	0	0	0
Interest on Debt	10,045	(L)	12,565	0	12,565
Total Interest Expense	7,746	4,819	12,565	0	12,565

Southland Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2007-244-W Explanation of Accounting and Pro Forma Adjustments For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2006

Description	Settlement \$	Application \$
(A) Service Revenue - Water		
 ORS and Southland agree to adjust operating revenues to reflect current customers at current rates. 	951	(144)
(B) Uncollectible Accounts 2. ORS and Southland agree to adjust Uncollectible Accounts expense for the effect of the proposed revenue increase.	(10)	(1)
(C) Operating and Maintenance Expenses		
 ORS and Southland agree to annualize operators' salaries as of 12/31/06 with a 4.0% increase, excluding bonuses. ORS found this increase to be supported by actual as of 07/01/07. 	347	347
 ORS and Southland agree to eliminate the 2.741% Bureau of Labor Statistic's Consumer Price Index ("CPI") increase in Purchased Power expense. 	0	171
ORS and Southland agree to eliminate the CPI increase in Maintenance and Repair expense.	0	195
ORS and Southland agree to eliminate the CPI increase in Maintenance Testing expense.	0	17
7. ORS and Southland agree to eliminate the CPI increase in Meter Reading expense.	0	15
8. ORS and Southland agree to eliminate the CPI increase in Transportation expense.	0	17
ORS and Southland propose to increase Operating Expenses Charged to Plant to reflect an increase in salaries, taxes, and benefits for operators.	(334)	(334)
10. ORS and Southland agree to eliminate the CPI increase in Outside Services expense.	0	63
Total Operating and Maintenance Expenses - Per ORS	13	491
(D) General and Administrative Expenses		
 ORS and Southland agree to annualize office salaries as of 12/31/06 with a 4.0% increase, excluding bonuses. ORS found this increase to be supported by actual as of 07/01/07. 	288	288
 ORS and Southland agree to eliminate the CPI increase in Outside Services expense. ORS and Southland agree to remove a \$2,172 of excess postage expense. 	(2,172)	(1,959)
13. ORS and Southland stipulate to rate case expenses in the amount of \$50,000, subject to verification, and to amortize these expenses over a three year period.	16,194	47,845
 ORS and Southland propose to annualize Pension and Other Benefits expense associated with the wage increase. 	420	420
15 ORS and Southland agree to eliminate the CPI increase in Insurance expense.	0	44
16. ORS and Southland agree to eliminate the CPI increase in Office Utilities expense.	0	18
 ORS and Southland agree to decrease Miscellaneous expense to remove fines and penalties. 	(154)	(154)
Total General and Administrative Expenses-Per ORS	14,576	46,502

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Description (E) Depreciation and Amortization Expenses	Settlement \$	Application \$
 ORS and Southland agree to annualize Depreciation expense using adjusted plant in service as of June 2007. See Audit Exhibit PBT-3 for the details of the adjustment. 	3,917	3,802
(F) Taxes Other Than Income		
19. ORS and Southland agree to adjust Taxes Other Than Income to reflect actual 2006 property tax expenses and to remove the impact of accrual adjustments. Additionally Gross Receipts Tax has been calculated at the current rate and Payroll Taxes reflect the updated salary amounts.	6,405	6,005
(G) Income Taxes - As Adiusted		
20. ORS and Southland agree to compute income taxes after accounting and pro forma adjustments using a state rate of 5% and a federal rate of 35%. See Audit Exhibit PBT- 4 for details.	(10,351)	(22,909)
(H) Gross Plant in Service		
 ORS and Southland agree to include known and measurable plant additions and capitalized time after the test year to June 2007. 	142,084	137,191
24. ORS and Southland agree to include plant for work orders completed as of June 2007.	22,074	18,873
25. ORS and Southland agree to adjust for plant retirements associated with the completed work orders as of June 2007. The adjustment associated with Accumulated Depreciation is reflected in Adjustment No. 35.	(35,521)	(35,000)
Total Gross Plant in Service	128,637	121,064
(I) Accumulated Depreciation		
 ORS and Southland agree to adjust accumulated depreciation for the additional plant and capitalized time. 	2,462	2,112
27. ORS and Southland agree to adjust accumulated depreciation for the retired plant.	(35,521)	(35,000)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(33,059)	(32,888)

Southland Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2007-244-W Explanation of Accounting and Pro Forma Adjustments For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2006

Description	Settlement \$	Application \$
(J) Cash Working Capital		
 ORS and Southland agree to adjust Cash Working Capital based on pro forma expenses. 	2,625	(12,059)
(K) Interest During Construction		
 ORS and Southland agree to close out Interest During Construction to the Plant Accounts. 	2,299	2,299
(L) Interest on Debt		
ORS and Southland agree to restate Interest on Debt using the settlement pro forma adjustments.	2,520	2,377
M) Service Revenues - Proposed Increase		
29. ORS and Southland agree to an increase in service revenues per the settlement.	59,345	97,232
(N) Uncollectible Accounts - Proposed Increase		
 ORS and Southland agree to adjust Uncollectible Accounts expense for the effect of the proposed revenue increase. 	(564)	(921)
(O) Taxes Other Than Income - Proposed Increase		
 ORS and Southland agree to adjust utility/commission tax and gross receipts taxes for the effect of the proposed revenue increase. 	604	1,108
(P) Income Taxes - Proposed Increase		
 ORS and Southland agree to adjust income taxes for the effect of the proposed revenue increase using a state tax rate of 5% and a federal tax rate of 35%. 	22,253	36,415

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Depreciation and Amortization Expense Adjustment Test Year Ended December 31, 2006

Gross Plant @ December 31, 2006	\$ 333,905
ADD: Pro Forma Projects, Capitalized Time, and General Ledger Additions	128,637
LESS: Organization Expense Land Vehicles	1,832 28,495 14,770
Depreciable Utility Plant	417,445
Utility Plant Depreciation @ 1.5% (66.67 years)	6,262
Vehicles	14,770
Vehicle Depreciation @ 25% (4 Years)	3,693
Total Depreciation	9,955
Less: Per Books Depreciation	6,038
Settlement Adjustment	3,917

Revised Audit Exhibit PBT-4

Southland Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2007-244-W Computation of Income Taxes For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2006

	As Adjusted
Operating Revenue As Adjusted	\$ 47,696
Less: Operating Expenses As Adjusted	(74,007)
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Net Operating Loss Before Taxes	(26,311)
Less: Annualized Interest Expense	12,565
Taxable Income - State	(38,876)
State Income Taxes @ 5%	5.00%
State Income Taxes	(1,944)
Taxable Income - Federal	(36,932)
Federal Tax Rate @ 35%	35.00%
Total Federal Income Taxes	(12,926)
Total Federal and State Income Taxes	(14,870)
Less: Income Taxes Per Book	(4,519)
Adjustment	(10,351)
	After Proposed Increase
Operating Revenue After Proposed Increase	106,477
Operating Expenses After Proposed Increase	(74,611)
Operating Expenses Arter Proposed increase	(14,011)
Net Operating Income Before Taxes	31,866
Less: Annualized Interest Expense	12,565
Taxable Income - State	19,301
State Income Taxes @ 5%	965
Taxable Income - Federal	18,336
Federal Income Taxes - @ 35%	6,418
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Total State and Federal Income Taxes	7,383
Less: Income Taxes As Adjusted	(14,870)
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Adjustment	22,253

Revised Audit Exhibit PBT-5

Southland Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2007-244-W Cash Working Capital Allowance For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2006

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Operating and Maintenance - As Adjusted	23,553
General and Administrative - As Adjusted	34,309
Taxes Other Than Income	8,135_
Total Formance for Communication	GE 007
Total Expenses for Computation	65,997
45-Day Allowance (1/8 Rate)	12.50%
Computed Cash Working Capital - As Adjusted	8,250
Cash Working Capital - Per Books	5,625
Cash Working Capital - 1 Cr Books	
Cash Working Capital Adjustment Per Settlement	2,625

Southland Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2007-244-W Return On Common Equity Capital Structure at December 31, 2006

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						Income	_			Income
	Capital		Rate	Embedded	Overall	For	Rate	Embedded	Overali	For
Description	Structure	Ratio	Base	Cost/Return	Cost/Return	Return	Base	Cost/Return	Cost/Return	Return
	\$	%	\$	%	%	\$	\$	%	%	\$
Long-Term Debt	180,000,000	59.94%	190,950	6.58%	3.94%	12,565	190,950	6.58%	3.94%	12,565
Common Equity	120,304,320	40.06%	127,623	-18.81%	-7.54%	(24,006)	127,623	9.34%	3.74%	11,918
Totals	300,304,320	100.00%	318,573		-3.59%	(11,441)	318,573		7.68%	24,483

Southland Utilities, Inc. 2007-244-W Revenue Comparison

Southland Utilities, Inc. Test Year Revenues at Current Rates

Service Type	Classification Customer		Gallonage	Usage Charge*	Service Units	Base Facilities Charge (BFC)*	Test Year Calculated Revenues
Water Residen	Residential/Commerical	Single-family Houses - Creekwood	4,389,624	\$2.60	652	\$7.00	\$15,977
water	Residential/Commerical	Single-family Houses - Cedarwood	8,064,553	\$2.60	1,452	\$7.00	\$31,132
	Water	Service Total	12,454,177		2,104		\$47,109
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Proposed Settlement Rates

Service Type	Classification	Customer	Gallonage	Usage Charge*	Service Units	Base Facilities Charge (BFC)*	Test Year Calculated Revenues	Proposed Calculated Revenue	Increase Amount
Water	Residential/Commerical	Single-family Houses - Creekwood	4,389,624	\$5.87	652	\$15.85	\$15,977	\$36,101	\$20,124
water	Residential/Commerical	Single-family Houses - Cedarwood	8,064,553	\$5.87	1452	\$15.85	\$31,132	\$70,353	\$39,221
	Water \$	Service Total	12,454,177		2104		\$47,109	\$106,454	\$59,345

^{*}Based upon monthly rates

Southland Utilities, Inc. 2007-244-W Proposed Rate Comparison

Water Change from Present Rates to Proposed **Customer Classification** Settlement **Proposed Rates** Settlement Description Unit of Measure **Present Rates** in Application Rates Rates Base Facilities Charge for single family house, condo, Residential Water mobile home, apartment unit per unit \$7.00 \$21.79 \$15.85 \$8.85 Base Facilities Charge for hotels, stores, restaurants, Commercial Water offices, industry per unit \$15.85 \$8.85 \$7.00 \$21.79 Commodity Charge for all customer classes provided Commodity Charge water from Southland per 1,000 gal \$8.09 \$5.87 \$3.27 \$2.60 Residential/Commercial \$100.00 \$100.00 \$100.00 \$0.00 Water Service Connection Fee Per SFE Residential/Commercial Plant Impact Fee Per SFE \$400.00 \$400.00 \$400.00 \$0.00 \$25.00 Residential/Commercial Account Set-up Fee Per Customer \$25.00 \$25.00 \$0.00 Reconnection Fee \$35.00 Residential/Commercial Per Occurance \$35.00 \$35.00 \$0.00